

INCIDENT STATEMENT BY GINA MARIE STONE (OWNER)

I was doing errands all day Friday. After my son came home from school at 3 pm I was on my laundry. I planned to take them to a movie my kids were asking me to see. So I was finishing and they were playing. They were on the front porch and in front of the house playing with chalk and my son's Tonka trucks. I was watching them through the door and the huge windows we have in our front room that covers the whole front of the house. I started the shower and went upstairs to put my daughter's clothes away. I checked on them on the way up as I was making routine quick trips to keep an eye. My son came back in and I told him 5 more minutes then they would have to come inside to get ready. Within that time the dog went out with my son. I was not aware. The dog goes pee on our front lawn, always leashed. She will not go anywhere else and has never once ran off without the leash on. My son didn't yell or tell me. So a few seconds later I hear a loud bang noise followed by another. I heard a howling noise. I look out my kid's bedroom window, saw nothing. Then my kids are running inside crying and screaming the cops shot Raeleigh, she dead, the cops killed Raeleigh. I tell them to sit on my bed and I run outside.

There was a cop in front and I asked what happened. He said your dog got hit and ran off. I thought from a car, there was 4 stopped to a halt in the street. The dog ran in my best friend's grandfather's yard (2 houses over) which is fenced in. There was a cop yelling at me to get back. He had his gun drawn. I asked him police officer what happened. He said the dog was shot. Asked me if it was my dog. I told him yes, is she okay? He tells me to go get my car, after they capture her I might want to take her to a vet. I ran to get my car and her leash, gone a matter of 2 minutes. I come back and they had moved in on her in that time and she ran off. I couldn't find them. I had to call Berkeley station. They gave me an address which they had moved from in a matter of minutes. All the onlookers and neighbors were watching, they saw they still had guns drawn and we're worried they would gun her down.

The last house she was caught at was my friend from childhood growing up. She wedged herself between her she'd up against the fence in a tight area and balled up. The cops took the fence panels off to get her out. She came right to me when I called her. She didn't attack anyone further and she was throwing up blood, blood was all over her white paws and face, then she had parts of her skin drooping down from where the police officers shot hit her. The pole around her neck that the police used was stuck. I had to get it out so the dog could walk out. They got it wedged. She never attacked me or anyone at any point. We then walked the dog to my car. The decided to put her in back of the squad car and I would follow. The officer called Du Page Animal Hospital in Elmhurst off of North Avenue. We made our way there. From that point we got out and went in. The cops took off, no word to anyone and no papers. We went home roughly an hour after Raeleigh was taken care of. No word from police.

Saturday at 9 am they come to the house. They hand delivered me 3 tickets: (1) vicious dog at large, (2) disorderly conduct, and (3) no tags. Asked about bill in no attempt to pay. We're a little mad I asked. No papers were given to me and no name or badge number of who shot the dog. I called a couple hours later after I decided to take legal action. Since then I have contacted every news site and tried to spread word. I found another eye witness that way and got a partial video tape.

NBC reached out and they came out for a story. They are investigating. Since then DCFS was called. I am now trying to explain charged with substantial risk of physical injury/environment injurious to health and welfare and inadequate supervision. The story they told them also is a mesh of the 3 previous ones told.

My kids are still talking about this and will not drop it. This breaks my heart.

Gina Stone